



Meeting Agenda

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Project Title: Stibnite Gold Project
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Purpose of Meeting: ESA Informal Consultation Meeting, Fish **Date:** December 5, 2019
Meeting Location: BC Boise **Time:** 9 a.m.
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Represented Organizations¹: USFS, USFWS, NOAA, OER, IDFG, Shoshone and Nez Perce Tribes, Midas Gold, AECOM, Ecosystem Sciences, Brown and Caldwell, BioAnalysts

Consultation Meeting Goals and Objectives

To work collaboratively as a group to develop a sound and defensible biological assessment, based on best scientifically and commercially available data, that meets the needs of the U.S. Forest Service, the NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and United States Army Corps of Engineers to timely complete the formal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation process for the Stibnite Gold Project.

1. Clarify which Endangered Species Act listed, proposed, and candidate species and designated or proposed critical habitats are in an agreed-upon action area (Completed);
2. Determine what effect the federal action may have on these species or critical habitats and explore and agree upon the analysis necessary to support the development of the biological assessment;
3. Explore ways to modify the action to reduce or remove adverse effects to the species or critical habitats;
4. Explore the design or modification of an action to benefit the species and coordinate on their inclusion in the biological assessment; and
5. Discuss and seek concurrence on the content and organization of the biological assessment.

Proposed Agenda

1. Review Refinements of Draft Salvage and Relocation Plan (60 min) – Objectives 2-4

Intent: To review and discuss relative fish density/abundance by species and life stage within potentially affected stream reaches and recommended sites for fish relocation

- Present fish density and number estimates by species, life stage and stream reach
- Discuss how these estimates will be used during planning and execution of fish salvage efforts
- Present and discuss recommended sites for fish relocation

¹ Actual attendees from each organization will be captured in meeting minutes.

2. Review WQ Modeling and Analysis (90 min) – Objectives 2 and 3

Intent: To review results of water quality modeling and related analysis on how water quality will change as a result of the project

- Present summary results of water quality modeling at key locations
- Describe how the water quality will change as a result of the project
- Present the constituents of concern
- Discuss how WQ modeling and analysis will be used in the effects analysis in the biological assessment

3. Bull Trout Population Viability Upstream of the TSF (60 min) – Objectives 2 and 3

Intent: To discuss options for managing bull trout in the upper Meadow Creek basin during and after mine operations and post mining

- Review data on bull trout and habitat conditions in Meadow Creek now and after the completion and restoration of Meadow Creek over the TSF
- Discuss potential for self-sustaining population of bull trout in Meadow Creek during and after restoration of Meadow Creek over the TSF
- Discuss implications for management decisions on bull trout in upper Meadow Creek

4. CWA Section 404 Permitting and Compensatory Mitigation Plan and Coordinating Relationship to ESA Section 7 Consultation and Schedule (30 min) – Objective 2

Intent: To discuss regulatory, CMP mitigation plan monitoring and assurances requirements by the USACE and timing relative to Section 7 consultation

- Discuss ESA requirements of CWA Section 404, mitigation monitoring, and coordination needs for the biological assessment

5. Revisit Water Temperature: 2015 Data (30 min) - Objectives 2 and 3

Intent: Revisit topic of including 2105 data into the characterization of existing stream thermal regime of the upper EFSFSR

- Review 2015 water temperature collected during Aquatic Resources baseline studies
- Discuss inclusion into water temperature regime characterization presented during October ESA IC Fish Meeting

6. Revisit HF Pit Filling Effects on Flows Downstream of Johnson Creek (30 min) - Objectives 2 and 3

Intent: Revisit topic of downstream effects of HF Pit Filling and address downstream to Johnson Creek

- Present summary data of effects of HF Pit filling downstream of Johnson Creek
- Discuss potential effects to Chinook and steelhead migration upstream to Johnson Creek

7. Discuss Data Request for Johnson creek and MGII Flow-Productivity Analysis (15 min) – Objectives 2-4

Intent: Discuss data request and need for preparation of the Biological Assessment

- Discuss content and need of the data request

8. Future Meeting Items Discussion (15 min)

Intent: Identify topics for future meetings

9. Review Past and Current Action Items (15 min)

Intent: To get status of actions by each group and discuss if any changes needed to each action item